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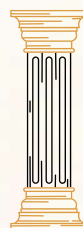
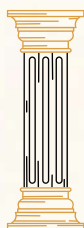
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President's Message



Dear Members and Colleagues,

It gives me great pleasure to connect with you once again through the forthcoming issue of the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) E-Newsletter. The Society continues to remain a vibrant platform for sociologists and social scientists across the country, fostering scholarly dialogue, research, and collective engagement with the changing realities of our society.

As we move forward, it is encouraging to witness the growing participation of our members and Research Committees in organising academic programmes, conferences, seminars, and other scholarly activities. Such initiatives strengthen the intellectual life of the Society and reaffirm the relevance of sociology in understanding and responding to contemporary social challenges.

An important initiative before us is the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of the Indian Sociological Society, marking 75 years of its distinguished journey and contribution to the growth and development of sociology in India. The proposed celebrations provide us with an opportunity not only to honour the rich legacy of the Society and its pioneering scholars but also to reflect on the contemporary challenges and future directions of Indian sociology. As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, lectures, workshops, seminars, and other academic programmes are being organised and will continue to be organised across different regions of the country throughout the year. We look forward to the active participation of our members, Research Committees, and institutions across the country in making this landmark celebration a meaningful, inclusive, and intellectually enriching endeavour.

I encourage all members, particularly our younger scholars, to actively participate in the activities of the Society and contribute to strengthening our shared academic community. The ISS draws its strength from the diversity, commitment, and collective wisdom of its members.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all members, office bearers, Research Committees, and colleagues who continue to contribute their time and efforts towards the Society's activities. Let us continue to work together to uphold the academic traditions of the ISS while embracing new ideas and possibilities for the future.

With regards,

Prof. D. R. Sahu

President

Indian Sociological Society

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Secretary's Message



Dear Members,

It is a privilege to present the first issue of the ISS E-Newsletter since I assumed office as Secretary of the Indian Sociological Society. I sincerely thank all members for the confidence reposed in me and for the cooperation, encouragement and support extended during these initial months.

This issue offers a glimpse of the intellectual vitality of our Society. It brings together the activities of Research Committees and Ad Hoc Groups, scholarly publications and reflections, research achievements, conference announcements and news from our members. It also pays tribute to distinguished sociologists whose contributions have profoundly enriched the discipline and the Society.

The E-Newsletter should serve not merely as a record of activities but also as a shared platform for intellectual exchange and wider participation. I warmly invite members to contribute news of academic initiatives, publications, research, achievements and other developments of relevance to the sociological community. Your suggestions on how the newsletter may be made more inclusive, engaging and enriching will be greatly valued.

This issue has reached members somewhat later than originally envisaged. We appreciate your patience and look forward to ensuring a more regular publication schedule in the future.

With warm regards,

Arvinder A. Ansari

Secretary

Indian Sociological Society

OBITUARIES

In loving memory of the following members and eminent scholars of Indian sociology who passed away during this period. May their contributions to the discipline continue to inspire us.



Prof. Naresh Bhargava
30 January 2026



Prof. PKB Nayar
12 February 2026



André Beteille
(30 September 1934 – 3 February 2026)



Tharailath Koshy Oommen
(16 October 1937 – 26 February
2026)



Dr. Indu Mathur
24 March 2026

RC & AD HOC GROUP ACTIVITIES

RC 01 – Theory and Practice in Sociology

Convenor: Dr. Suraj Beri, Nagaland University

Research Committee 01 organised a series of academic engagements between January and July 2026, including special lectures, a thematic panel and two book launches.

- **Special Lecture:** “Redefining Research in the Age of Generative AI: New Workflows, New Dilemmas” (18 February 2026)

Dr. Tiatemsu Longkumer (Royal Thimphu College, Bhutan) examined the implications of generative AI for research design, methodology and scholarly practice. Dr. Suraj Beri chaired; Dr. Rakesh M. Krishnan served as discussant.

- **Book Launch:** Sociology of Infrastructure: Perspectives from Northeast India (27 February 2026)

Co-edited by Dr. Sandeep Gupta and Dr. Suraj Beri, launched at Nagaland University in the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. J. K. Patnaik.

- **Special Lecture:** “Social Theory and Indian Society” (14 April 2026)

Prof. Paramjit S. Judge, former ISS President, situated theoretical frameworks within the specificities of Indian society.

- **Special Lecture:** “(Re)Enforced Development Models and Empowerment of Tribals in Northeast India” (29 April 2026)

Prof. Kedilezo Kikhi (NEHU, Shillong), with Dr. Roluahpuia (IIT Roorkee) as discussant.

5. Panel Discussion: “T. K. Oommen and the Making of Contemporary Indian Sociology” (26 May 2026)

With RC 32, featuring Prof. Tanweer Fazal, Prof. Suresh Babu and Dr. Gitika De; Prof. Rukmini Sen as discussant.

- **Special Lecture:** “On Reflexivity in Sociological Inquiry: Design Requirements” (2 July 2026)

Prof. Sasheej Hegde addressed the integration of sociological theory and method through reflexivity.

- **Book Launch:** Lines and Passages: Reimagining Migration and Borderlands in South Asia (17 July 2026)

Edited by Dr. Salah Punathil (Routledge, 2026); with RC 28, discussants Prof. Samir Kumar Das, Prof. Nabanipa Bhattacharjee and Dr. Nirmali Goswami.

RC & AD HOC GROUP ACTIVITIES

Ad Hoc Group 01 : Food, Culture and Society

Convener: Dr. Rituparna Patgiri, IIT Guwahati

The Group organised a series of lectures, panel discussions and pedagogical conversations during January–July 2026, examining food as a lens for migration, identity, memory, taste, digitalisation and sustainability.

- **Lecture on Partition and Gastronomic Change (2 March 2026)**

Madhumita Sengupta (IIT Gandhinagar), “Partition and New Gastronomic Trends in West Bengal.”

- **Book Panel on The Social Life of Taste (20 March 2026)**

Ishita Dey and Rituparna Patgiri, moderated by Sabari Girisan M.

- **Talk on Food Memories and Culinary Migration (9 April 2026)**

Hoineilhing Sitlhou (University of Hyderabad) on ethnic grocery stores of culinary migrants in Hyderabad.

- **Webinar on Teaching Food Studies (22 April 2026)**

With RC 32; Ishita Dey and Ayesha Dutta on classroom approaches to food, identity and inequality.

- **Lecture on Ngari, Memory and Home (17 June 2026)**

Dr. Beauty Thounaojam (Taylor's University, Malaysia), “Scent of a Home: Locating Ngari in Manipur and Delhi.”

- **Lecture on Urban Food Environments (3 July 2026)**

Dr. Merle Müller-Hansen (University of Augsburg, Germany) on platform power and food sustainability.

RC & AD HOC GROUP ACTIVITIES

RC-10 -Two-Day Seminar-cum-Workshop and Mid-Term Conference of the Research Committee on Gender Studies

Dr. Rajni Bala, Coordinator, Dr. Nirmala Devi, Convener, Dr. Nirmal Singh, Co-Convener

The Department of Sociology and the Department of Political Science, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar successfully organised the Two-Day Seminar-cum-Workshop and Mid-Term Conference of the Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10), Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi on “Women Entrepreneurship, Skill-Based Training and Emerging Economic Spaces” on 24th–25th June 2026 at Guru Nanak Bhawan, Conference Hall, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.

The seminar brought together distinguished academicians, sociologists, resource persons, researchers, faculty members and students to discuss the changing nature of women’s participation in emerging economic spaces. The central concern of the programme was to understand women’s entrepreneurship not merely as an economic activity, but also as a significant social process connected with empowerment, dignity, identity, equality and social transformation.

The inaugural session commenced with lamp lighting by distinguished guests, including Prof. Karamjeet Singh, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor and the Chief Guest of the seminar; Prof. Satnam Singh Deol, Head, Department of Sociology; Prof. Rajesh Gill; Prof. Abha Chauhan; Prof. Ajailiu Niumai; Dr. Rajni Bala. The Vice-Chancellor was felicitated with Phulkari, a sapling, and a memento. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Nirmala Devi, while Dr. Rajni Bala provided a thematic overview.

Prof. Rajesh Gill, in her keynote address, examined the Government of India’s definition of women entrepreneurs and highlighted the paradox that, despite 73 central and 433 state-level schemes, only a small proportion of women access these opportunities. She noted that although India records a high proportion of women graduates in STEM disciplines, their participation in the formal workforce remains limited. Prof Abha Chauhan, the Former President Indian Sociological Society delivered the Guest of honour address.

Prof. Karamjeet Singh, in his presidential remarks, emphasized the need for committed leaders and effective implementers. He raised critical questions regarding women’s control over finances and their right to spend their own earnings. He acknowledged that while there is some improvement in nurturing practices among the upper strata, the majority of women continue to face structural disadvantages.

The first Plenary Session focused on women entrepreneurship, skills and emerging economic spaces. It was chaired by Prof. Manmohan Singh Gill and Co-Chaired by Dr. Rajni Bala. Eminent speakers including Prof. Sudha Khokate, Prof. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Dr. Manoj Kumar and Prof. Bushra Beegom shared their perspectives on women’s work, livelihood patterns, digital opportunities, institutional support and the challenges faced by women in negotiating family, market and community spaces.

RC & AD HOC GROUP ACTIVITIES

Pictures from the Seminar



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The Technical Sessions provided a platform for paper presentations and academic discussion. Technical Session-I was chaired by Dr. Aditya Parihar. Technical Session-II was chaired by Dr. Jagsir Singh, with Dr. Nirmala Devi as Co-Chairperson. The sessions included presentations on women entrepreneurship, empowerment, skill development, self-employment and economic agency. The discussions highlighted issues such as access to finance, mobility, market linkages, digital literacy, social criticism and the need for capacity-building among women.

On the second day, Plenary Session-II was chaired by Prof. Rajesh Gill. Distinguished speakers including Prof. Madhurima Verma, Prof. Lilee Mayanglambam and Dr. Rajni Jassal, made presentations on digital platforms, e-commerce, livelihood challenges and opportunities for women in contemporary economic spaces. A Special Lecture was delivered by Prof. R. Indira, Former President, Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi, who enriched the deliberations with her scholarly reflections on gender, work and women's empowerment.

Plenary Session-III, on the theme "From Survival to Sustainability: Women's Entrepreneurship & Livelihoods," was chaired by Prof. Vasuda Sambyal, Coordinator, Golden Jubilee Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, GNDU. The session focused on the transition from survival-based livelihood practices to sustainable entrepreneurship and emphasised the role of innovation, incubation and institutional support in strengthening women-led enterprises.

Technical Session-III was chaired by Prof. Gurshaminder Bajwa, with Dr. Nirmal Singh as Co-Chairperson. The session further encouraged paper presentations and interaction among participants on themes related to women's livelihoods, financial literacy, digital awareness and leadership.

The seminar concluded with the Valedictory Session chaired by Dr. Satnam Singh Deol. Prof. Karamjit Singh Chahal, Registrar, GNDU, graced the session as Chief Guest. Dr. Rajni Bala, the Coordinator of the seminar presented the seminar report. The Valedictory Address was delivered by Prof. Shweta Prasad. Prof. Ajailiu Niumai, Convener, RC-10 delivered the Special Address. Dr. Nirmala Devi, the Convener of the Seminar offered concluding remarks, and Dr. Nirmal Singh, the Co-Convener of the seminar proposed the Vote of Thanks.

A total of nine technical sessions were conducted over the two days, featuring more than 80 research papers on diverse topics including livelihood transitions among tribal and rural women, work-life balance, child trafficking awareness, higher education and economic empowerment, women in digital economies, Indian knowledge systems, legal literacy, traditional crafts, millet entrepreneurship, public discourse on women's empowerment, and the status of working women in modern India. These papers reflected a balance of historical and contemporary approaches and demonstrated diverse strategies through which women are attempting to claim space in economic life.

Overall, the seminar-cum-workshop was academically enriching, well-coordinated and successful. It generated meaningful dialogue on women's entrepreneurship, skill-based training, livelihood sustainability and emerging economic opportunities, and reaffirmed the importance of gender-sensitive academic initiatives in higher education.

RC & AD HOC GROUP ACTIVITIES

RC 11 — Sociology of Environment

Convenor: Prof. Manisha Rao, University of Mumbai

The year began with an Advisory Committee meeting on 27 January 2026, followed by a book discussion around Sudha Vasani (ed.), *Environmental Studies from India* (Oxford University Press), held online on 18 April 2026 with Prof. Amites Mukhopadhyay as discussant.

BOOK DISCUSSION

RC 11 Sociology of Environment, Indian Sociological Society invites you to an online discussion on *Environmental Studies from India*, edited by Sudha Vasani, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi.

An important new contribution to studies of the environment in India, this book brings together sixteen essays by leading sociologists, anthropologists, political ecologists, historians and economists working on India's environment.

DISCUSSANT
Professor Amites Mukhopadhyay, Jadavpur University

SATURDAY, 18 APRIL 2026, 11 AM

Please click on this link to join the meeting:
<https://slink.com/xmk01uo>

Professor Manisha Rao, University of Mumbai (Convenor, RC 11)
Professor Jirilli Rihattacharya, Assam University (Co-convenor, RC 11)

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Book discussion announcement, RC 11 — Sociology of Environment

On 17 July, a panel discussion on Teaching Sociology of Environment was organised jointly with RC 32, with panellists Dr. Shoma Choudhury Lahiri, Dr. Anupama Ramakrishnan and Dr. Budhaditya Das, moderated by Prof. R. Indira. A Special Lecture jointly organised with RC 1 is planned for 30 August with Prof. Sanjay Barbora, followed in mid-September by a panel on “Doing Multispecies Ethnography” with Prof. Annu Jalais and Prof. Ambika Aiyadurai. A one-day workshop is planned as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Research Highlight: Prof. Manisha Rao has been awarded a Pilot Project Grant from the British Library Endangered Archives Programme (Round 21) for “Survey and digitisation of the legacy of the discipline of sociology in India: records of the University of Mumbai” (EAP1785RAO), for 12 months.

RC & AD HOC GROUP ACTIVITIES

RC 29 — Social Transformation & Development

Convenor: Dr. Sampat Kale, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur Off-Campus

RC-29 organised a Special Lecture, “Development and Social Transformation: Gendered Perspectives on the Idea of Viksit Bharat,” on 13 March 2026, delivered by Prof. Arvinder Ansari, Secretary, ISS, and moderated by Prof. Manish Tiwari. The period also saw two edited volumes: *Social Exclusion and Marginal Communities in India: Historical & Future Perspectives* (Rawat Publications) and *Reimagining Sustainable Development in India* (Aakar Books).

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RC-29 Social Transformation & Development
ONLINE SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE
On
Development and Social Transformation:
Gendered Perspectives on the Idea of Viksit Bharat
Date: March 13, 2026 Time: 03:00 - 04:30 PM

SPEAKER

Prof. Arvinder Ansari
Secretary
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HOST

Dr. Sampat Kale
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RC-29 Social Transformation & Development

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RC & AD HOC GROUP ACTIVITIES

International Visual Essay & Film Exhibition

“Living Traditions: Whispers of the Past, Pulse of the Present” | Dept. of Anthropology, Gauhati University | 10–11 March 2026 | Reported by Ms Karvileena Deka (Ad Hoc Group 01)

The Department of Anthropology, Gauhati University, organised this two-day exhibition, inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Dr. Nani Gopal Mahanta. Dr. Aviotoli G. Zhimo (University of Delhi) delivered the keynote, “Visual Ethnography in the Era of Generative AI,” and Dr. Dennis Zuev (CIES-ISCTE, Portugal) delivered the second invited lecture on contemporary developments in visual ethnography.

The exhibition showcased 25 visual essays and screened nine ethnographic documentary films, with submissions from eight Indian states as well as Macau and the United States. Over the two days, footfall reached approximately 150 participants, including an educational tour by students of Arya Vidyapeeth College and Pragjyotish College.



Glimpses of the exhibition. Picture credits: Department of Anthropology, Gauhati University.

PUBLICATIONS & REFLECTIONS

Celebrating a Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia Entry on G. S. Ghurye

Dipto Chakraborty, Banaras Hindu University (LMI 7112) & Dr. Mahua Patra, P. R. Thakur Government College, West Bengal (LMI 3846)

The publication of the encyclopedia entry “Ghurye, Govind Sadashiv (1893–1983)” in The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology (Wiley, 2026; eds. George Ritzer, Chris Rojek and J. Michael Ryan) marks a contribution to both Indian and global sociological scholarship. G. S. Ghurye was a foundational architect of Indian sociology whose methodological fusion of Indology and empirical research established the “Bombay School.”

The entry highlights three dimensions of his legacy: his treatment of classical texts as sources of social theory, resonant with contemporary debates on decolonizing knowledge; his institutional leadership as long-serving head of the University of Bombay's Department of Sociology, founder of the Indian Sociological Society (1951) and of Sociological Bulletin, and mentor to scholars including M. N. Srinivas, A. R. Desai and Irawati Karve; and his engagement with international sociological debates.



The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, online entry
(doi.org/10.1002/9781405165518.wbeos22107)

PUBLICATIONS & REFLECTIONS

Recent Publications — Dr Sumit Saurabh Srivastava

*Associate Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies,
University of Allahabad (LMI 3227)*

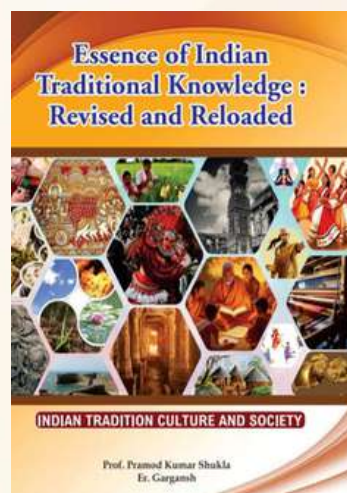
Journal articles: “Rethinking Strategies and Tactics of Social Movements in Neoliberal Times,” *Social Change* 56(2), 2025; “The Violent Intimate: Reflections from Rural North India,” *Indian Anthropologist* 55(1&2), 2025.

Book chapter: Goswami, S., Srivastava, S.S. & Naz, F. (2026), “Water Insecurity and Women's Health: Unveiling the Hidden Burden in Rural Households,” in Asraful Alam Rukhsana (ed.), *The Impact of Water Scarcity and Malnutrition on Rural Women's Health*, Springer, Cham.

New Book — Prof. Pramod Kumar Shukla

*Member, Managing Committee, ISS | Professor of Sociology, KIPM Institute of Engineering and
Technology, GIDA, Gorakhpur*

*Essence of Indian Traditional Knowledge: Revised and Reloaded, co-authored with Er.
Gargansh, presents the heritage of Indian Knowledge Tradition in a comprehensive,
contemporary perspective.*

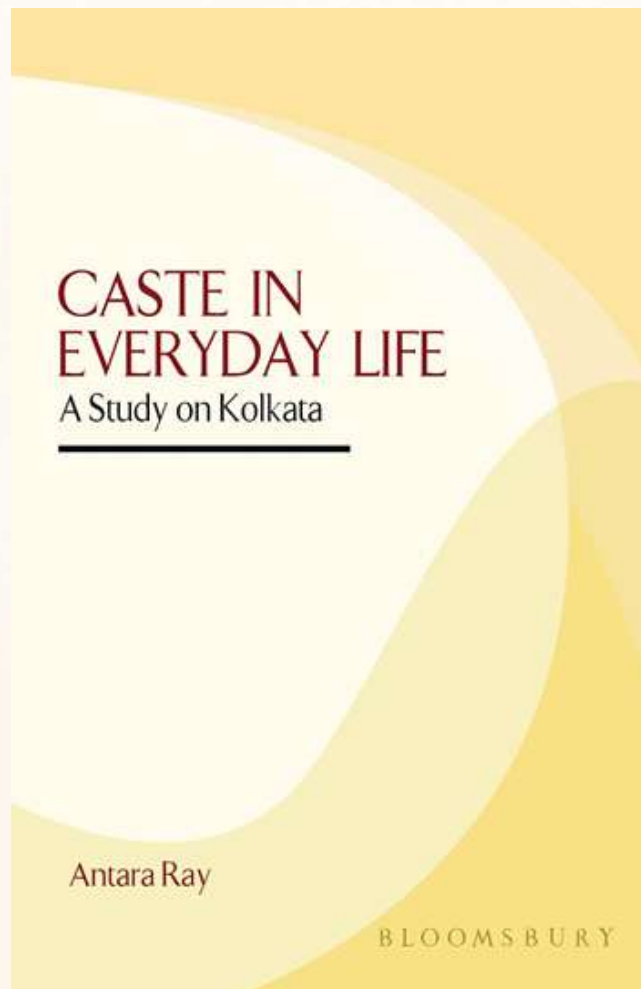


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New Book — Dr Antara Ray

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Presidency University, Kolkata (LMI 3181)

Caste in Everyday Life: A Study on Kolkata (Bloomsbury Quest, Bloomsbury Publishing India, New Delhi), published 31 July 2026. Paperback, 288 pages. ISBN 9789369522057.



PUBLICATIONS & REFLECTIONS

Book Review — Sanjiv Kumar

PhD Research Scholar, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU

Media and Marginals in India: Medium, Message and Meaning (2025), edited by Manoj Kumar Jena. Manohar Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi, pp. 216. ISBN 9789360805739.

The volume documents the portrayal and misrepresentation of marginalised communities across film, television, theatre and digital media, drawing on sociology, media studies, disability studies and history to examine the representation of women, Dalits, labourers, persons with disabilities, Muslims, Sikhs and Gorkhas. The editor's introduction draws on C. Wright Mills' sociological imagination, McLuhan's dictum that the medium is the message, and Stuart Hall's understanding of meaning as socially mediated through relations of power.

The review discusses chapters on gender and cinema, caste and Hindi cinema, labour and cinema, disability in cinema, Neshat Quaiser's chapter on Urdu theatre and Muslim public culture, Ratheesh Kumar's discussion of representation and political subjectivity, feminism and commodification in Indian media, Sikh memory and 1984, and the role of media in the Gorkhaland agitation. It notes that some essays remain more descriptive than analytical, but concludes that the collection places marginal voices at the forefront and examines media as both reflective of, and active in reproducing, social power.

Reflection — Dr Beauty Thounaojam

Senior Lecturer, Taylor's Culinary Institute, Taylor's University, Malaysia | LMI 7197

“Sociological Conversation on Food: A Reflection.” As part of Ad Hoc Group 01 on Food, Culture & Society, Dr. Thounaojam's contribution to the lecture series focused on the ingredient ‘ngari’ and its social life among the Northeast migrant community in Delhi — food as an entry point into questions of migration, identity, belonging and negotiation with the city.

Her current teaching at Taylor's Culinary Institute, Malaysia, particularly the module Gastronomy, Heritage and Tourism, has extended this understanding through a food trail in Brickfields, Malaysia, connecting memory, migration, heritage and changing urban landscapes. She holds a PhD in Sociology from JNU and previously taught at Miranda House, University of Delhi.

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Contribution to Sociology — Dr Nishi Francis

Assistant Professor, Alliance University, Bengaluru | LMI 6747

Dr. Francis presented “Development Dilemmas and Management of Natural Resources in India: A Sociological Analysis” at the V ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco (6–11 July 2025), and published the chapter “The Dilemmas in Development: Insights from the Coal Mining Belt of West Bengal” in *Reimagining Sustainable Development in India* (ed. Dr. Sampat Kale). Her teaching and research interests lie at the intersection of environmental sociology, rural development, corporate social responsibility and sustainability.

Scholarly Highlight — Dr Sampat Kale

Sr. Assistant Professor | Convenor, RC-29 | Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur Off-Campus | LMI 3367

At the V ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco (6–11 July 2025), Dr. Kale's session “Securing Land and Water in Times of Climate Change through Natural Ecosystem Management: A Global Perspective” was selected, and he presented “Development without Empowerment: A Subaltern Perspective” under RC-48. His recent editorial work includes *Social Exclusion and Marginal Communities in India* (Rawat Publications) and *Reimagining Sustainable Development in India* (Aakar Books).

PUBLICATIONS & REFLECTIONS

Research Highlight — Teerath Jaiswal

*Assistant Professor & HOD, Sociology, Govt. Swami Vivekanand College, Teonthar, Rewa, M.P.
| LMI 6985*

“Jatouti and Bapauti: Towards a New Vocabulary for Understanding Caste and Mobility.” Alongside Bapauti — material inheritance from one's father — this ongoing project proposes Jatouti: the inherited portfolio of social, cultural and symbolic standing a person receives at birth from their jati. The central argument is that social mobility in India is governed by the interplay of these two inheritances, drawing on Bourdieu's theory of capital and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's analysis of graded inequality.

The framework was first presented at the 50th All India Sociological Conference under RC 08 (Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies), and a related paper has been submitted to RC28 at the XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology, Gwangju, South Korea, July 2027.

Research Highlight— Dr Rituparna Patgiri

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati | Convenor, Ad Hoc Group 01 | LMI 4223

Recent publications include “‘Let Me Take a Photo Before We Eat’: The Impact of Digital Technologies on Food Production and Consumption in New Delhi” (Sociological Bulletin, 2025); ‘Contractualisation of Academic Labour’ (Economic and Political Weekly, 2024); Reimagining Work: Labour, Identity, and Inequality in Contemporary Society (2026); and ‘Can Pedagogy of Care be Practiced in Precarity?’ (Journal of Sociology, 2026).

Editorial and book projects include Food, Culture and Society in India (Berghahn Books, 2025), Sociology of Gender in India (Cambridge University Press, 2026), and the monograph Mobile Theatre of Assam (Routledge India, 2026). She received the International Centre Goa Scholar-in-Residency Award 2026, an ICSSR Collaborative Research Project Grant under Vision Viksit Bharat @2047, and an IIT Guwahati Startup Grant. She co-founded Doing Sociology, served as Associate Editor of Society (Springer Nature, 2023–25), and is a Guest Academic Editor of PLOS Global Public Health.

PUBLICATIONS & REFLECTIONS

Research & Scholarly Highlight — Dr Balgovind Baboo

Retd. Professor of Sociology | Senior Academic Consultant, Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur

Currently holding a Senior Research Fellowship from the ICSSR for the project “Revisiting Agrarian Social Structure in Western Odisha.” Former affiliations include M. D. University, ASC/JNU, Utkal University, UNIMAS and Adigrat University.

Reflection — Dr Aparna Chatterjee

“Navigating Borders, Breaking Binaries: My Journey through Sociology, Sports, and the Soul of South Asia” | Assistant Professor, North Bengal St. Xavier's College | LMI 3432

From 21–27 February 2025, Dr. Chatterjee participated in an ISS international conference across Sri Lanka and Chennai, presenting “Gender, Power, and Play: Transgenderism in Sports in India,” chairing a session in Sri Lanka, and serving as a resource person at Bharathi Women's College, Chennai.

Her reflection moves beyond the academic programme to describe Sri Lanka through Oluvil, Colombo and Kandy, and the companionship of fellow participants from Odisha, Maharashtra, Manipur, Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka — an academic and personal journey of research exchange, cultural immersion and new friendships.



CONFERENCES & CALLS FOR PAPERS

One-Day National Conference — Food, Religion, and Sustainability

Pedagogies and Epistemologies of Everyday Life | 27 November 2026 | KC College, Mumbai

Organised by the Department of Sociology, KC College, HSNC University, Mumbai, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, Mumbai University, and the Indian Sociological Society (RC 06, RC 11, RC 32 and Ad Hoc Group 01).

The conference invites papers examining the intersections of food, religion, sustainability, pedagogy, knowledge and everyday life, welcoming sociological, interdisciplinary, feminist, indigenous and decolonial perspectives. Themes include sacred foodways and religious ecologies; food, climate change and environmental sustainability; indigenous, local and traditional knowledge systems; food justice, inequality and social inclusion; religion, ethics and environmental stewardship; globalisation and changing food cultures; and technology, innovation and the future of food.

Abstracts (300 words) should be sent to conferencecollaborative@gmail.com by 30 September 2026; acceptance will be confirmed by 15 October 2026. Registration: PhD scholars ₹500, others ₹1,200. Organising Committee: Dr. Leena Pujari, Dr. Manisha Rao, Dr. M. T. Joseph and Dr. Rituparna Patgiri.

CALL FOR PAPERS

One-Day National Conference

Food, Religion, and Sustainability

Pedagogies and Epistemologies of Everyday Life

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Society (RC 06, RC 11, RC 32 and Ad Hoc 01)

About the Conference

Food, religion, and sustainability are deeply intertwined. Food is never just about taste or health. Across cultures and societies, religious beliefs, ethical values, ecological practices, and social relationships shape what people eat, how food is produced, and how it is consumed. Religious traditions are most often rooted in cosmologies that engender authority and customary norms about the human-nature interface: what qualifies as food, and what the ethical dietary choices are. Dietary rules, fasting practices, rituals of preparation, and communal meals help define religious identity and cultivate moral discipline. Many indigenous and local food traditions are closely connected to worldviews that emphasize reciprocity between humans and nature. These traditions often promote biodiversity, sustainable harvesting, and conservation practices developed over generations. However, the relationship between food, religion, and sustainability is not without tensions and contestations. Globalised food systems, climate change, industrial agriculture, and changing consumption patterns have posed complex challenges and often marginalise indigenous knowledge systems that promote a holistic worldview and recognise the interconnections between different life forms.

Recognising the connections between food, religion, and sustainability in ways that foster connectedness can help recover and value alternative ways of relating to the environment that prioritise ecological balance over maximum extraction and profit. Our epistemologies and pedagogical practices should embed these ideas to make for meaningful and enriching ecologies.

Themes

We invite papers that engage with, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- Sacred Foodways and Religious Ecologies
- Food, Climate Change, and Environmental Sustainability
- Indigenous, Local, and Traditional Knowledge Systems
- Food Justice, Inequality, and Social Inclusion
- Religion, Ethics, and Environmental Stewardship
- Everyday Food Practices and Local Religion
- Globalisation, Urbanisation, and Changing Food Cultures
- Pedagogies of Food and Sustainability
- Epistemologies of Food and Decolonising Knowledge
- Health, Well-being, and Sustainable Diets
- Technology, Innovation, and the Future of Food

Key Deadlines

Title of the paper and Brief Abstract of 300 words –
30th September 2026
Confirmation of acceptance of the Abstract –
15th October 2026

Guidelines for abstract submission

Abstracts should be submitted as a Microsoft Word (doc/docx) file and should follow these formatting guidelines:

- Font: Times New Roman
- Font size: 12 pt
- Alignment: Justified
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Length: Maximum 300 words

Please include the title of the paper, name(s) of the author(s), institutional affiliation(s), and email address(es) with the abstract.

Presentation Format

Paper presentations can be made in either physical or hybrid mode, enabling participation from scholars who may be unable to attend in Mumbai.

Registration Fee

- PhD Scholars: ₹500
- Others: ₹1,200

Hospitality and Travel

Participants are requested to bear their own travel expenses. We shall be happy to offer accommodation on a twin-sharing basis to conference paper presenters if approached at the latest by 10th October 2026.

Organising Committee:

Dr. Leena Pujari
Dr. Manisha Rao
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Call for Papers — Food, Religion, and Sustainability, KC College, Mumbai

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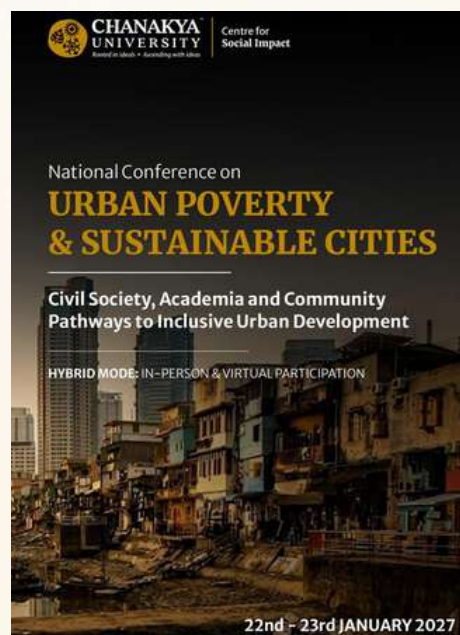
National Conference — Urban Poverty & Sustainable Cities

*Civil Society, Academia and Community Pathways to Inclusive Urban Development | 22–23
January 2027 | Chanakya University, Bengaluru (Hybrid)*

Organised by the Centre for Social Impact, Chanakya University, Bengaluru, this conference brings academics into conversation with civil society organisations, policymakers, community practitioners and students to examine how urban poverty is changing and how knowledge can travel more effectively among communities, universities, civil society and public policy.

Subthemes include changing dimensions of urban poverty (livelihoods, informality and inequality); sustainable cities from below (housing, infrastructure, climate resilience and environmental justice); social sustainability and the urban infrastructure of care; civil society–academia cooperation in co-producing knowledge; and participatory urban governance and partnerships for inclusive urban futures. Special emphasis will be placed on collaborative papers jointly developed by NGOs/CSOs and academic institutions.

Key dates: Abstract submission by 31 October 2026; notification of acceptance by 15 November 2026; full paper (approx. 5,000 words) by 30 December 2026. Registration: ₹1,500 (faculty/independent researchers/NGO/corporate) or ₹750 (research scholars/students) without accommodation; ₹500 for online participation. Revised papers presented will be considered for publication with a reputed publisher such as Springer or Routledge. Conference Chairs: Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Sri Venkatesh Murthy and Prof. D. Rajasekhar.



National Conference on Urban Poverty & Sustainable Cities, Chanakya University

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National Conference — Social Determinants of Vaccine Reluctance

*Understanding Behaviour, Trust and Public Health | MC/RC Meet & National Conference | 2–4
October 2026 | NISER, Bhubaneswar*

Organised by the School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SHSS), NISER, in association with the Indian Sociological Society. Chief Patron: Prof. H. N. Ghosh, Director, NISER. Organising Secretary: Prof. Pranay Kumar Swain, SHSS, NISER.

This national conference brings together sociologists, public health experts, policymakers and researchers to critically examine the social determinants shaping vaccine reluctance in India and beyond, focusing on behaviour, trust, misinformation and community engagement. Key themes include social behaviour and vaccine decision-making; inequality, access and marginalised communities; public health policy and communication; trust, misinformation and media narratives; culture, religion and community influences; and interdisciplinary approaches to confidence-building.

Registration fee: ₹1,000 for professors and faculty members; ₹500 for students and research scholars. Contact: Dr. Pranay Kumar Swain, pranay@niser.ac.in.



The poster for the National Conference on Social Determinants of Vaccine Reluctance features logos of NISER, DAE, and HBNI at the top. The main title is 'NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON Social Determinants of Vaccine Reluctance: Understanding Behaviour, Trust and Public Health', dated '2-4 October 2026 | NISER Bhubaneswar'. It is organized by the School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SHSS), NISER, in association with the Indian Sociological Society (ISS) - Estd. 1951. The Chief Patron is Prof. H N Ghosh, Director, NISER, and the Organizing Secretary is Prof. Pranay Kumar Swain, SHSS, NISER. The poster includes an 'ABOUT THE CONFERENCE' section describing the aim to strengthen public health communication and vaccine confidence. It also lists 'KEY THEMES' such as Social Behaviour & Vaccine Decision-Making, Trust, Misinformation & Media Narratives, Inequality, Access & Marginalized Communities, Culture, Religion & Community Influences, Public Health Policy & Communication, and Interdisciplinary Approaches to Confidence. An 'ABOUT NISER' section describes the institute's focus on science education and research. The 'Registration Fee' is listed as ₹1000 for Professors and Faculty Members, and ₹500 for Students and Research Scholars. The bottom of the poster features the tagline 'NISER@20 - Celebrating Science, Inspiring Minds, Shaping the Future.' and the NISER logo.

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KEY THEMES

- Social Behaviour & Vaccine Decision-Making
- Trust, Misinformation & Media Narratives
- Inequality, Access & Marginalized Communities
- Culture, Religion & Community Influences
- Public Health Policy & Communication
- Interdisciplinary Approaches to Confidence

ABOUT NISER
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Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize 2026



Indian Sociological Society

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Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize 2026

The Indian Sociological Society invites submission of paper/s or book chapter/s (**not more than two**) written in English for consideration for the award of the Professor M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize for the year 2026. The Prize carries a cash award of Rs. 5000 and would be conferred at the 51th All India Sociological Conference, 2026.

The conditions for submission are as follows:

- Publication/s submitted must be sociological/social anthropological papers or book chapters published in any social science journal/edited volume.
- The journal/edited volume must have been published between January 01, 2024 and December 31, 2025.
- The author/s must be 40 years of age or less as on December 31, 2026. Proof of age has to be produced. In the case of a joint publication age proof must be produced for both the authors.
- The author must be a Life Member or Ordinary Member of Indian Sociological Society of at least one year standing. The ISS Membership Number and the year of taking membership must be mentioned in the covering letter to be submitted along with the publication/s.
- A photocopy of the paper/s or book chapter/s (**not more than two**) may be submitted along with the photocopies of the title page and list of contents of the journal/edited volume to Ms. Boinu Vaiphei, Office Secretary, Indian Sociological Society, Flat Number 1046, Sector C-Pocket 1, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110070 on or before **October 15, 2026**. Typewritten/hand written/computer print-outs/manuscripts will not be accepted. Soft copy must be sent to societyinsoso@gmail.com with Subject **M.N. Srinivas Memorial Prize 2026**.
- Paper/s or book chapters co-authored may have a **maximum of two authors only**.
- In the event of a paper/s or book chapter/s being a joint publication, the award is given only to the younger author, whether a student or otherwise. The younger author may be the 'author for correspondence'.
- AC II/2-Tier AC railway fare to and from the place of residence to the conference site would be paid for the awardee receiving the Prize.
- Nominations are also welcome.

President
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Date 13-09-2026

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Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of the Indian Sociological Society | 75 Years of Advancing Sociology in India, 1951–2026 | 27–29 December 2026 | KIIT-Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

The Indian Sociological Society is pleased to announce the 51st All India Sociological Conference (AISC), to be held from 27–29 December 2026 at KIIT-Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

This Conference holds special significance as it is being organised during the Platinum Jubilee Year of the Society, marking 75 years of its distinguished journey and invaluable contribution to the growth and development of sociology in India. The occasion provides an opportunity to celebrate the Society's rich intellectual legacy, honour the contributions of generations of sociologists, and reflect collectively on the contemporary challenges and future directions of Indian sociology. The Conference will bring together sociologists, researchers, teachers, students and scholars from across India and beyond for academic exchange, dialogue and discussion on contemporary social issues and emerging directions in sociology.

As we celebrate 75 years of sociology and sociological engagement through the Indian Sociological Society, we look forward to the active participation of our members, scholars, students and academic institutions in making the 51st AISC a meaningful, vibrant and enriching academic gathering.

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51st All India Sociological Conference — Platinum Jubilee announcement

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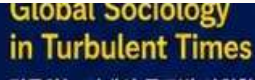
Global Sociology in Turbulent Times | Gwangju, Republic of Korea | 4–10 July 2027

The XXI ISA World Congress of Sociology will be held in Gwangju, South Korea, on the theme “Global Sociology in Turbulent Times.” The call for abstracts closes on 14 October 2026. Details and the Conference System are at isa-sociology.org.

Dr. Nishi Francis invites papers for “New Social Movements and Community-Based Resilience in Turbulent Times: A Global Sociological Perspective,” organised jointly with RC-48 (Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change) and RC 47 (Social Classes and Social Movements).

Dr. Sampat Kale invites papers for two sessions: “The Role of Peace Movements in Turbulent Times: A Global Sociological Perspective” and “Complex Geopolitics and Relevance of Social Movements: A Sociological Perspective from the Global South.” Contact: samkale@gmail.com.

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Session Title

Mental Health Care in Underprivileged and Marginalized Populations across the Globe: Challenges and Pathways for Social Justice



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ABSTRACT

Mental health is not merely a medical concern; it is fundamentally a question of human dignity, social justice, and equitable development. While mental health disorders affect individuals across all social groups, their burden is disproportionately borne by underprivileged and marginalized populations who experience multiple layers of structural disadvantage. Poverty, racial exclusion, discrimination, displacement, unemployment, and limited access to education create conditions that heighten psychological vulnerability and restrict access to quality mental healthcare.

Marginalization is a multidimensional phenomenon shaped by factors such as caste, class, gender, ethnicity, age, disability, religion, and geographical isolation. For many individuals belonging to marginalized communities, mental distress is not simply an individual experience but a reflection of systemic inequalities embedded within social institutions and power structures.

The global mental health crisis reveals a profound paradox: although awareness of mental health has increased, access to affordable and culturally responsive services remains highly unequal. Shortages of trained professionals, inadequate public investment, stigma, and the concentration of healthcare facilities in urban centres continue to exclude vulnerable populations from receiving timely support.

Addressing these challenges requires a rights-based and community-centered approach that integrates mental health into primary healthcare systems, strengthens social protection mechanisms, and promotes inclusive public policies. Mental health must be viewed as a cornerstone of sustainable development, social cohesion, and human capability. Achieving the aspirations of Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals demands that mental healthcare be accessible, affordable, and equitable for all, particularly for those who have historically remained at the margins of society.

Keywords: Marginalized Communities, Underprivileged Populations, Mental Health Equity, Social Justice, Universal Health Coverage (UHC), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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RC-32
WOMEN, GENDER AND SOCIETY

 **Date for abstract submission:**
3 Aug. – 14 Oct. 2026

 **Theme:**
Gendered Minoritization in
Turbulent Times: Feminist Politics
Across South Asia

Concept Note

This session examines how women and gender-minoritized people from minoritized communities across South Asia negotiate resurgent patriarchies, contested identities, and struggles over belonging in turbulent social and political times. Rather than treating minority women as a fixed demographic category, it foregrounds gendered minoritization as a process—shaped by religion, caste, ethnicity, language, citizenship, and state power—that produces not only women but also queer and non-binary subjects as objects of community discipline and majoritarian anxiety.

A central provocation animates the session: how can feminist sociology name patriarchal power within minoritized communities while refusing the majoritarian, colonial, and nationalist projects that weaponize women's and queer lives to stigmatize those same communities?

Across South Asian contexts, the bodies, voices, mobility, and public presence of the minoritized become sites through which wider anxieties about honour, identity, modernity, and community survival are contested. The session seeks to move beyond simple binaries of oppression and liberation toward situated, lived accounts of minoritized gendered life and everyday forms of negotiation and resistance.

We especially welcome comparative and cross-national contributions that place India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and the South Asian diasporas in genuine conversation, rather than single-country cases read in isolation.

In keeping with the congress theme, we invite attention not only to theory but to method and praxis—ethnographic, oral-historical, participatory, and activist work included.

Both theoretical and empirical papers are encouraged on themes such as religious and caste minoritization, ethnic and linguistic identity, nationalism and communalism, law and violence, migration and citizenship, education, care, representation, and feminist politics.

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**Examining Socio-Political
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ABSTRACT

This session aims to explore the complex relationship between socio-political institutions, human rights, and global justice from the perspectives of India, Europe, and the broader global context. It seeks to examine how these regions address issues of social equality, inclusivity, human rights protection, and global justice while navigating diverse cultural, historical, and political realities, alongside ongoing socio-technological transformations.

India and Europe possess distinct historical trajectories that have significantly influenced the development of their socio-political institutions. India, characterized by its rich cultural diversity and ancient civilizational heritage, continues to face challenges relating to caste hierarchies, gender inequality, religious pluralism, and poverty. In contrast, Europe, shaped by its colonial legacy and continuing processes of regional integration, encounters challenges associated with increasing authoritarian tendencies, migration, the rise of orthodox nationalism, and regional disparities.

This session will undertake a comparative analysis of governance structures, legal systems, and political processes across India, Europe, and other global contexts. Furthermore, the discussion will examine legal frameworks, international conventions, and institutional mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights, including monitoring bodies and redressal systems.

The session will also analyze the relationship between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and global justice by exploring opportunities for international cooperation and collaborative approaches among countries in addressing contemporary global challenges.

Additionally, the discussion will provide a broader perspective by emphasizing the interconnected nature of social, environmental, and economic factors in shaping the well-being of individuals and communities across India, Europe, and beyond.

Keywords: India, Europe, Global Justice, Socio-political Institutions, Human Rights, Social Equality, Inclusivity, Governance, Legal Systems, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



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- ✓ Digital Leisure and Emerging Trends
- ✓ Leisure, Environment and Sustainability
- ✓ Work–Leisure Balance and Quality of Life





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Inaugural Session — 50th All India Sociological Conference



Lamp-lighting ceremony during the inaugural session.



Inaugural session and conference dais.

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Managing Committee Meeting — March 2026



Group photograph of the Managing Committee.



Managing Committee meeting in session.

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As we look ahead, we invite our members, scholars, researchers and students to continue sharing their academic journeys, research, publications, achievements, reflections, events and other contributions that enrich the discipline. Together, let us keep the conversation going, connect across regions and generations and contribute to a vibrant and inclusive sociological community.

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- *Awards and achievements*
- *Reflections and academic journeys*
- *Other news and developments of relevance to the sociological community*

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We look forward to hearing from you and making Volume 17 a collective reflection of the vibrant work of our sociological community.